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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EALR, EMIN, ETRD, AS

SUBJ: GOA PARTICIPATION IN IRON ORE PRODUCERS' MEETING IN GENEVA

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM DEPARTMENTS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OVERSEAS TRADE THAT SENATOR DON WILLESEE, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL HEAD GOA DELEGATION TO NOVEMBER 4-6 MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OF "CARACAS GROUP" OF IRON ORE PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN GENEVA. OTHER MEMBERS OF AUST. DELEGATION TO THAT AND EARLIER  
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(OCT. 30-NOV 1) OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING IN GENEVA WILL BE:

AMBASSADOR L. CORKERY, AUST. PERMANENT MISSION TO OFFICE OF THE  
U.N. AT GENEVA;  
F.P. DONOVAN, MINISTER (COMMERCIAL), AUST. EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS;  
J.M. REDDY, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPT. OF MINERALS AND  
ENERGY;  
MAX HUGHES, COMMERCIAL POLICY SECTION HEAD, DFA

2. DFA AND DOT SOURCES EMPHASIZE THAT GOA IS HEAVILY COMMITTED  
TO JOIN ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM THESE MEETINGS  
AND THAT AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION WILL BE ON AN AD REFERENDUM  
BASIS. NEVERTHELESS, THEY BELIEVE THAT DRAFT CHARTER FOR SUCH  
ORGANIZATION WILL PROBABLY EMERGE. THEY STATE THAT GOA WOULD  
UNDOUBTEDLY FAVOR JOINING A FUTURE IRON ORE EXPORTERS GROUP,  
PRESUMABLY ONE PATTERNED ON INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION (IBA)  
DESPITE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ORGANIZATION OF WORLD MARKET-  
ING FOR THE TWO MINERALS, THAT WOULD PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR  
INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS AMONG PRODUCERS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOA IS WELL AWARE THAT POSSIBLE IRON ORE  
EXPORTERS' ORGANIZATION WOULD FACE PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS QUITE  
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FACED BY IBA BECAUSE OF RELATIVE LACK OF  
VERTICAL INTEGRATION OF INTERNATIONAL IRON ORE - STEEL  
INDUSTRY, MORE NUMEROUS IRON ORE PRODUCERS, ETC. ALSO, GOA  
WOULD WANT TO KNOW ATTITUDES OF BRAZILIANS, CANADIANS AND PERHAPS  
SWEDES TO ANY IRON ORE GROUP BEFORE DECIDING ITS OWN ATTITUDE.  
NEVERTHELESS, MANY OF SAME FACTORS THAT LED GOA TO JOIN IBA AS  
CHARTER MEMBER WILL CAUSE IT TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY JOINING  
AN IRON ORE GROUP. THESE FACTORS INCLUDE INTENT TO RECEIVE  
"FAIR" RETURN FOR ITS MINERAL EXPORTS, DESIRE TO DEMONSTRATE  
SOLIDARITY WITH LDC MINERAL PRODUCERS AND INTEREST IN OBTAINING  
BETTER INFORMATION AND COOPERATION ON COMMON PROBLEMS. EMBASSY  
THEREFORE BELIEVES GOA WILL PROBABLY JOIN ANY FUTURE IRON ORE  
GROUP UNLESS MAJOR EXPORTERS, SUCH AS BRAZIL, STAY OUT OR MORE  
RADICAL COUNTRIES WERE TO DOMINATE SUCH AN ORGANIZATION TO  
DETRIMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S IMAGE AS "RESPONSIBLE" RESOURCE  
SUPPLIER.  
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